



Kentucky Department of
EDUCATION

Kentucky Minimum Graduation Requirements for Students Entering High School in 2019-2020 and Thereafter

[704 KAR 3:305](#), Kentucky's new minimum high school graduation requirements, became effective on April 5, 2019. However, [Senate Bill 158](#) (2020) requires changes be made to state and local graduation requirements for students who entered high school in the 2019-2020 school year and thereafter. Please see the [Senate Bill 158 Implications for Minimum High School Graduation Requirements document](#) for specific changes.

	<u>4 English Credits</u>	<u>4 Math Credits</u>	<u>3 Social Studies Credits</u>	<u>3 Science Credits</u>	<u>Other Credits</u>
Foundational	English I English II	Algebra I Geometry	Social Studies Social Studies	Lab-based Science Lab-based Science	½ Health; ½ PE Visual/Performing Arts
Personalized	2 Additional English credits aligned with the ILP and covering the remaining KAS for Reading & Writing Additional course options aligned to the KAS for Reading & Writing could include, but are not limited to: English III, English IV, AP Language, AP Literature, dual credit English, etc.	2 Additional Math credits aligned with the ILP and covering the remaining KAS for Mathematics Additional course options aligned to the KAS for Mathematics could include, but are not limited to: Algebra II, Precalculus, College Algebra, AP Calculus, dual credit math, dual credit CTE math, etc.	Social Studies aligned with the ILP and covering the KAS for Social Studies Additional course options aligned to the KAS for Social Studies could include, but are not limited to: Social Studies 1, 2, 3, Geography/AP Human Geo, World History (or AP), US History (or AP), Economics, etc.	Science aligned with ILP and covering the KAS for Science Additional course options aligned to the KAS for Science could include, but are not limited to: Chemistry (or AP), Physics (or AP), Biology (or AP), CSI Forensics, dual credit science, etc.	6 credits aligned with ILP and covering the related content area KAS. Additional course options aligned to the KAS for Visual and Performing Arts could include, but are not limited to: Chorus 1, Orchestra 1, Visual Arts 1, Theatre 1, Band 1, etc.

All required courses must be aligned to the *Kentucky Academic Standards*. These are state minimum standards and additional requirements may vary by district.

Other Graduation Requirements:

- Pass state-mandated civics test
- (Beginning in 2020-2021) Successfully complete a course or program in financial literacy
- Receive instruction in essential workplace ethics
- Demonstrate competency in technology

Other Considerations:

- Development of Individual Learning Plan (grades 6-12)
- CPR Training in Health, PE or JROTC course